

STATE CAPITAL HAPPENINGS

Oklahoma City.—

Announcement of adoptions of thirty-six textbooks for use in the public schools of the state for the next five years, beginning with the coming scholastic year was made by the state board of education. It is announced by the board that the present adoption will not conflict in any particular with adoptions made a year ago. The books adopted were left on the open list when the adoption was made last year.

	Price	Price
	Retail	Ex.
Allen & Bacon: Bacon's Vocab.	\$1.17	
Scott, Foresman & Co.: Knapp's		
Virgil	1.08	.54
Ben. H. Sanborn & Co.: Brown		
Latin composition	.55	.27
Hessler-Smith: Chemistry, with		
laboratory manual	1.25	.62
Hessler, First Year of Science,		
with laboratory manual	1.30	.65
American Book Co.: Hart's Es-		
entials in American History	1.35	.67
Van Tass's Complete Business		
Arithmetic	.90	.45
World Book Co.: Elson-MacMull-		
lan: The Story of the Old World	.54	.27
Supplementary Reader for		
Fourth and Fifth Grades: "Sure		
Pop and the Safety Scouts"	.25	
Ritchie: Human Physiology	.60	.30
King, Hall & Co.: Protosch Ger-		
man for Beginners	.94	.47
Silver, Burdett & Co.: Bullock's		
Elements of Economics	1.00	.50
Evans & Dunbar's Farm Life		
Readers, Book IV	.55	.27
Book V	.40	.20
D. C. Heath & Co.: Sanford &		
Brown: High School Grammar	.62	.31
MacMillan Co.: Davenport: Ele-		
ments of Zoology	.97	.48
Row, Peterson Co.: Elementary		
Physiology, Harvey	1.04	.52
History Stories of Other Lands:		
Book 1—Tales from Far and		
Near	.40	
Book 2—Tales of Long Ago	.40	
Book 3—The Beginnings	.50	
Book 4—Lord and Vassal	.50	
Book 5—The New Liberty	.50	
Book 6—The Modern World	.60	
Ginn & Co.: Bergen & Caldwell's		
Introduction to Botany	1.32	.66
Cheyne's Short History of		
England	1.32	.66
Keller & Bishop's Industrial		
and Commercial Geography	.94	.47
Hudson Shakespeare (11		
umes)	.25	.12
Southwestern Publishing Co.:		
Bookkeeping		
Complete Text, parts 1, 2, 3	.60	.30
Introductory Text, part 1	.50	.25
Intermediate Text, part 1	.50	.25
Advanced Text, part 1	.50	.25
Blanks, to accompany	.25	.12
Introductory Course, part 1	.50	.25
Intermediate Course, part 2	1.30	.65
Advanced Course, part 3	1.35	.67
Bobbs-Merrill Co.: Spences		
Modern Business Law	.75	.37
Business Speller by Kimball	.20	.10
W. H. Wheeler & Co.: Wheeler's		
Elementary Speller for First		
and Second Grades	.25	.12
Wheeler's Graded Primer, first		
grade (cloth)	.25	.12
Wheeler's Graded Supplemen-		
tary Readers:		
First Reader (cloth)	.30	.15
Second Reader (cloth)	.30	.15
Third Reader (cloth)	.30	.15
Fourth Reader (cloth)	.30	.15
Fifth Reader (cloth)	.30	.15
Rand, McNally Co.: Hottel-Curry		
Sixth Reader	.46	.23
Chas. Scribner's Sons: James &		
Sanford: Government in State		
and Nation	.94	.47
Woodruff Banknote Co.: Supple-		
mentary Use and Libraries:		
"Of Such is the Kingdom," by		
Metcalfe	.60	
Atkinson, Mentzer & Co.: Supple-		
mentary Reader for Sixth		
Grade: "Great Names and Na-		
tions"	.65	
Minnie E. Puntentney: Forget-		
Me-Not Primer for Kinder-		
garten	.25	.12
Chas. Scribner's Sons: Supple-		
mentary Readers—Gordy:		
American Explorers	.50	
Early American History	.50	
Later American History	.60	
American Leaders and Heroes	.60	
Colonial Days	.50	
B. F. Johnson Co.: Johnson's		
Supplementary Readers:		
Life of Lee	.32	
Life of Jackson	.36	
Life of Stuart	.36	
Life of Washington	.36	
Southern Publishing Co.: Ancient		
History	.27	
Med. and Modern History	.27	
U. S. History	.18	
English History	.27	
American History	.27	
Atkinson, Mentzer & Co.: Dodge's		
Geographical Note Books	.13	.06
Chas. E. Merrill Company: Mer-		
rell's German Texts		

Delegates Names To Roads Meeting.

Acting Governor Trapp announced the appointment of the following delegates to the Pan-American roads congress, which will be held in Oakland, Calif., September 13 to 17:

George F. Noble, state highway commissioner; Sidney Suggs, former state highway commissioner; State Senator Ben F. Wilson of Yukon, State Senator J. Elmer Thomas of Lawton, W. J. Milburn of Milburn, State Senator C. F. Barrett of Oklahoma City, Representative J. E. Lemon of Nash, Cyrus Avery of Tulsa, C. O. Johnson of Durant, T. P. Martin, Jr., of Oklahoma City, Robert Selcavy of Ardmore, D. P. Marum of Woodward, C. H. Hyde of Alva, E. B. Guthrie of Salisaw, J. F. Darby of Muskogee, John Whitehurst of Sayre, J. H. McLaughlin of Chandler, Kib Warren of Shawnee, W. D. Gibson of Grove and Clark J. Hudson of Oklahoma City.

Capitol Commission Out.

Members of the state capitol building commission, created by an act of the Fourth legislature, and which up until a short time ago had charge of the construction work on the state capitol, vacated the offices they have occupied in the Patterson building on September 1. That day marked the expiration of fifteen days from the signing of the capitol contract, when, according to recent capitol legislation, the members of the commission ceased to be on the states payroll regularly at \$3,000 per annum.

Cattle Receipts Increasing.

Whatever loss is sustained by the unusual rains which have predominated throughout the entire summer will be more than made up in the cattle industry is the prediction of packers, stockmen and others concerned in the packing industry. Cattle receipts in Oklahoma City retain a satisfactory average despite the fact that this is the "dull season" in that line. Shipments ranging from three to five thousand a week are being maintained and it is expected that this will be doubled.

Bridge Over South Canadian.

A preliminary contract between citizens of Oklahoma City, the South Canadian river territory and the Baker Manufacturing Co., of Sweetwater, Texas, was entered into, the fulfilling of which will assure the construction of the bridge over the South Canadian river. The contract was signed on the part of Oklahoma City by R. J. Edwards, Sidney L. Brock and J. H. Johnston; on the part of the South Canadian territory by Charles S. Smith, James E. Wright and T. J. Brown, and on the part of the Baker Manufacturing Company by H. F. Mitchell.

The contract stipulates that Oklahoma City is to raise \$15,000, the South Canadian territory \$15,000 and the Baker Manufacturing Company is to put up a good and sufficient bond in the sum of \$35,000. When all this has been done a final contract will be drawn up and the work started.

The name of the corporation will be the Oklahoma City-South Canadian Bridge Company. The Chamber of Commerce will start at once in the work of getting the necessary subscriptions. The Baker Company, it is understood, is ready at any time to put up its bond for \$35,000. The Baker Company will control only \$30,000 worth of stock, the extra \$5,000 being added merely as extra precaution against the cost of the bridge going higher than expected.

McBrine Letter Clears Meyer.

To friends at the state house Leo Meyer, formerly secretary of state of Oklahoma, is exhibiting a photographic reproduction of the McBrine letter, written from the state penitentiary, July 6, 1915, that exonerates Meyer of charges that caused the former state secretary's retirement from office.

It is said that, after his conviction, W. R. McBrine remarked to Judge A. H. Houston of Guthrie his only regret was that he had not killed Attorney General Charles West and that he had done anything to injure Leo Meyer.

The letter, which was written inside the penitentiary at McAlester, dated July 6, 1915, and is attested by W. C. Kendall, notary public, reads, in part:

"Therefore, for the benefit of the public, your family, and yourself, I retract anything I have said or done, connecting you in any way whatsoever with these transactions.

"I am writing this of my own free will and accord and trust that it will be accepted with the same sincerity in which it is written.

"You may use this letter in any way you desire to further your complete vindication."

Large Increases Ordered by Board.

Taxable valuation of the Sidney L. Brock Drygoods Company's stock of merchandise was raised by the county board of equalization from \$49,000 to \$75,000, the increase being ordered after the members of the board learned of the price paid when the Rorabaugh syndicate recently acquired a big interest in the corporation.

An even larger raise was made by the board in the case of the Oklahoma Furniture Manufacturing Company. This concern was raised from \$13,000 to \$75,000. Figures obtained by the board showed the company's stock of merchandise to be valued at \$77,000, and its open accounts amounted to \$50,000. The company had returned its valuation for taxation at \$13,000, and this was accepted by the assessor.

The board reduced the Lee-Huckins Hotel Company's improvements to \$342,000, a reduction of about \$18,000. The packing plants and the Oklahoma National Stockyards Company were not considered. It was said that they would be brought up one day this week. The packing companies have filed protests to raises from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

Thousand Per Cent Increase.

An increase of more than a thousand per cent is the record of the internal revenue collector's office for the last fiscal year as against \$68,508.91 in 1911, total collections for 1915 amounting to \$730,000. Even this large amount does not represent all of the corporation tax in the state as several of the largest oil concerns maintain their offices and keep their books in other states and pay their taxes there.

The indications are, according to Hubert Bolen, head of the department, that against \$406,888.00 collected from all sources this year, the returns for 1916 will show an increase of nearly a hundred per cent. Only four states west of the Mississippi and three south of the Mason-Dixon line paid more into Uncle Sam's treasury than Oklahoma. The biggest jump in receipts was in 1914 when \$318,147.39 was paid in against \$148,906.67 in 1913.

To Investigate Grumbine.

Official notice of charges that have been made against President G. C. Grumbine of the Northwestern State Normal School at Alva was taken by the state board of education, when it appointed a committee of its own members to investigate the allegations and ascertain whether they are based upon facts. The committee, which is composed of R. H. Wilson, J. M. Sandlin and John Shepherd, is to conduct its investigation and report to the board within three weeks.

RUINED RUSSIAN DEFENSES AT JAROSLAW



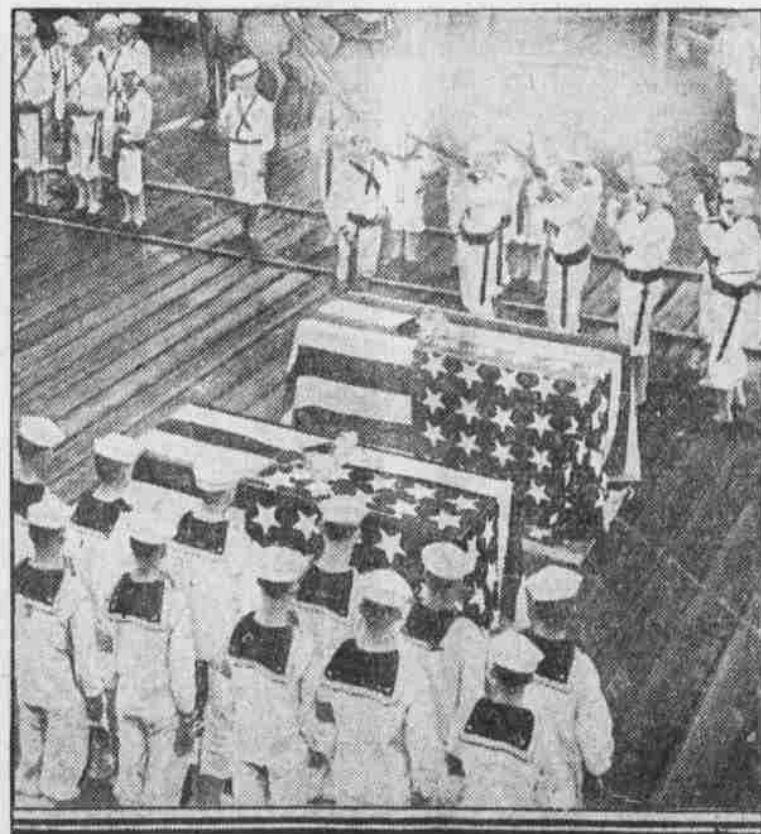
In an effort to check the Germans, the Russian forces entrenched themselves in what they believed was an impregnable position just behind Jaroslau, a fortified city in Galicia. The Germans forced these positions, however, and compelled the Russians to flee before them. In the upper photograph a group of German soldiers are seen approaching the scene of death wrought by their guns in driving out the Russians, while in the lower photograph two German officers are seen contemplating the havoc wrought by their forces in their successful forward movement.

GALICIAN JEWS RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES



In the rear of the German army which triumphantly made its entry into Galicia and Russia were thousands of Jewish refugees who had fled from their homes before the soldiers of the czar. Believing that they would be permitted to enjoy privileges under the Germans which were denied them under the rule of the czar, the Jews looked upon the triumph of the German forces as another of the blessings heaped upon the "Children of Israel."

NAVAL HONORS FOR TWO KILLED IN HAITI



Boston accorded naval honors to William Gompers of Brooklyn, N. Y., a nephew of Samuel Gompers, the president of the American Federation of Labor, and Carson Whitehurst of Norfolk, Va., both members of the crew of the U. S. S. Washington who were killed July 29, when some Haitian rebels resisted the landing of the American sailors at Port-au-Prince. The picture shows sailors firing a volley over the flag-draped coffins on the pier at Charlestown navy yard, Boston.

WHISTLING BURGLAR CAUGHT

Bandit Who Went About His Work Quite Merrily Now in Jail.

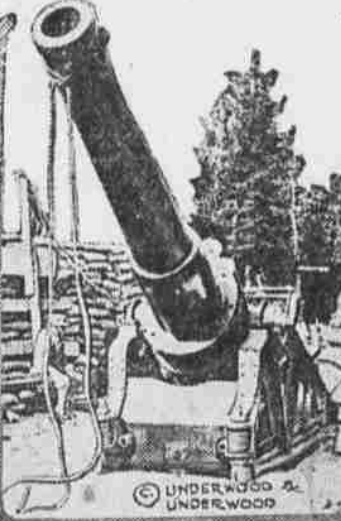
Redding, Cal.—John Hooper was arrested at The Dalles, Ore., charged with being the "whistling burglar" who compelled Gordon Jacobs, manager of the Jones company store at Hornbrook, Cal., near here, to march

from his home to the store, open the safe and permit the robber to take with him cash, and gold dust to the amount of \$700.

While taking Jacobs to the store and on his way out of town with the loot the robber whistled merrily and aroused no suspicion. The robbery was committed on June 23.

Hooper, according to the police at The Dalles, was paroled from Folsom penitentiary last year.

HEAVY ITALIAN ARTILLERY



The Italians, having found the Austrian frontier well fortified, are now making use there of their heaviest artillery. One of the big guns is here shown.

"DEAD" MAN WALKS TO COURT

Identification in Chicago May Be Only Trick of the "Heathen Chinee."

Chicago.—As the jury was completed to try Harry Eng Hong, charged with the murder of Mook Chung in a Chinese gambling house in 1913, an Oriental walked into Judge Barrett's room in the Criminal court building and announced that he was Mook Chung. His announcement caused a sensation.

The attorney for the defendant told the court that the man who was killed was Jung Long and a marriage license also would be introduced in evidence to prove that the supposed murdered man is among the living.

According to Assistant State's Attorney John O'Brien the state hopes to prove that Mook Chung was really murdered and that the man who appeared in court possesses the same name as the dead man.

OKLAHOMA NEWS NOTES

SHADOWS OF COMING EVENTS.

Sept. 1-10, School land sale, Cherokee.
Sept. 11-13—Old Soldiers' Reunion, Canton.
Sept. 11-22, School land sale, Enid.
Sept. 22-Oct. 7, School land sale, Medford.
Oct. 9-12—Land sale, Kay county.
Oct. 13-15, School land sale, Perry.
Nov. 16—Cornerstone laying, Oklahoma Capitol Building.
Nov. 25-27—State Educational Association, Oklahoma City.

Fairs, Picnics and Carnivals.

Sept. 7-9, Binger Fair.
Sept. 7-10, Kingfisher County Fair, Kingfisher.
Sept. 8-12, Greer County Fair, Mangum.
Sept. 9-10, Johnston County Fair, Tishomingo.
Sept. 10-11—Gotebo Fair, Gotebo.
Sept. 13-15—Love County Fair, Marietta.
Sept. 14-15, Woodward County Fair, Mutual.
Sept. 14-17, Pittsburg County Fair, McAlester.
Sept. 14-17, Cimarron Valley Fair, Guthrie.
Sept. 14-17—Rogers County Fair, Claremore.
Sept. 15-15, Bryan County Fair, Durant.
Sept. 15-17, Tulsa County Fair, Tulsa.
Sept. 15-18, The Sterling Fair, Sterling.
Sept. 16, Cherokee Celebration, Perry.
Sept. 16-17, Harmon County Fair, Holdenville.
Sept. 16-17, Kiowa County Fair, Hobart.
Sept. 16-18, Cleveland County Fair, Norman.
Sept. 16-18, Jackson County Fair, Altus.
Sept. 16-18, Lincoln County Fair, Prague.
Sept. 16-18, Washita County Fair, Cordell.
Sept. 17-18, Tillman County Fair, Fredrick.
Sept. 17-18, Coal County Fair, Coalgate.
Sept. 17-19, Marshall County Fair, Madrid.
Sept. 18-21, Creek County Fair, Sapulpa.
Sept. 20-22, Atoka County Fair, Atoka.
Sept. 20-22—Fair, Tecumseh.
Sept. 21-22, Pottawatomie County Fair, Shawnee.
Sept. 21-23, Peanut Carnival, Duncan.
Sept. 21-24, Pawnee County Fair, Hallett.
Sept. 21-24, Beckham County Fair, Elk City.
Sept. 22-24, Canadian County Fair, El Reno.
Sept. 22-25, Kiamichi Valley Fair, Tallhanna.
Sept. 25, Pootah, State University vs. Edmond Normal.
Sept. 26-Oct. 2, State Fair, Oklahoma City.
Sept. 27, Old Soldiers' Day, State Fair.
Sept. 27, Indiana Day, State Fair.
Sept. 27, Fraternal Day, State Fair.
Sept. 28, Kentucky Day, State Fair.
Oct. 1, Missouri Day, State Fair.
Oct. 1, Press Day, State Fair.
Oct. 4-9, New State Fair, Muskogee.
Oct. 5-9, Caddo County Fair, Ardmore.
Dec. 27-Jan. 1, Eastern Oklahoma Foultry Show, Tulsa.

The Oklahoma county commissioners have bought three tractors for road work.

Congressman Ferris spoke to the Young Men's Democratic Club at Oklahoma City last Saturday.

A. M. Milam, former clerk of the district court in Okmulgee county, committed suicide at Morris by swallowing eight grains of bi-chloride of mercury.

An Enid wholesale concern estimates that more than fifteen carloads of fruit jars, or about 275,000 jars have been sold in that city during the canning season to date.

An order was issued by the corporation commission last week granting the Fort Smith & Western Railroad Company permission to build and maintain a passenger station at the town of Sparks.

Mrs. Ethel O'Brien of Ninnekah, has offered a reward of \$500 for the apprehension of the parties who killed her husband June 26. He was found dead with a bullet wound through his head. The coroner's jury decided that he met death by his own hand. Mrs. O'Brien believes that he was murdered.

In order that pedestrians and others may be provided with greater safety at railroad crossings in the city of Tulsa, the city commission ordered that every dangerous crossing be guarded in the future with automatic gates or other means of stopping vehicles and persons attempting to cross the tracks in front of moving trains.

With the fruit crop moved, returns from Oklahoma City railroad offices show that it has exceeded all former years and but for the rain would have increased at least thirty per cent more. The melon crop of Texas has moved and Oklahoma is now shipping. The crop is shorter than anticipated, but still a bumper one.

Mrs. Sarah Peyton, prominent in Muskogee society and of a once financially influential Virginia family, hanged herself in the basement of her home. She was 48 years old and leaves two children. Mrs. Peyton had been a sufferer from nervous prostration since Masterston Peyton, her husband, committed suicide in Dallas, Texas, two years ago.

A 20 per cent increase in clearings over the corresponding week last year was shown by the report of the Oklahoma City Clearing House Association for the week ending August 26. During the week bank clearings amounted to \$2,169,900, while a year ago the clearings were \$1,807,000. The increase is due to generally better crop conditions, necessitating more funds for handling them.

The contract for the construction of a bridge across the Arkansas river, between Tulsa and West Tulsa, was awarded to the Missouri Valley Bridge Company of Leavenworth, Kan., by the Tulsa county board of commissioners for \$157,984.

J. N. Wilkins of Muskogee, for the past year secretary-treasurer of the Oklahoma Association of Title Men, was elected president of the organization at the state convention at McAlester. J. B. Rose of McAlester was named vice-president and A. B. Barnes of Muskogee, secretary-treasurer.